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MEMORANDUM FOR Office of General Counsel

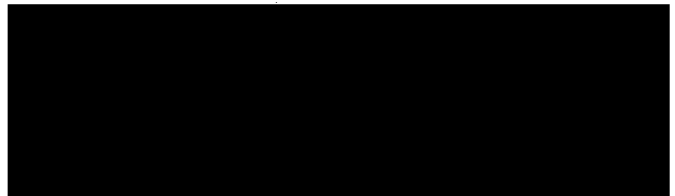
From: Special Funds

Upon occasion Central Intelligence Group has occasion to approve the expenditure of monies for purposes which appear to be beyond the statutory authority in view of the fact that such purposes are beyond the scope of Special Funds Regulations I and I-A of the Central Intelligence Group.

It is understood that in the absence of specific authorization in said regulations for the approval of disbursements by other than the Director, it is necessary that the Director personally approve said disbursements. In, at least, several instances, such approval has come to Special Funds in the form of verbal or written memoranda from individuals, other than the Director, who have stated that the approval of the Director had been granted. It is our belief that by law such authorization must be in writing and must be signed personally by the Director. It is requested that we may be advised as to the correctness of our legal position in this matter in order that adequate procedure can be established to insure conformity with legal requirements.

Merely for reference purposes, a typical example of what may be an improper authorization for expenditures beyond the province of Special Funds Regulations is the authorization for per diem payments, in excess of those authorized by Government Travel Regulations, for the PPS/PSD and the Training Branch of OSO where, in this instance, the special per diem was authorized "For the Director, by the Executive for P & A".

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